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FOR DICKMAN, NEA/ARP

E.O. : 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP MU QA US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SULTAN QABUS TO US

REF: STATE 001328

1. DURING JAN 7 CONVERSATION, I INFORMED ISSA KAWARI, GOQ MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND AMIR'S CHEF DE CABINET, THAT SULTAN QABUS WOULD BE MAKING PRIVATE VISIT TO US BEGINNING JAN 9, AND WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. KAWARI EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THIS INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM AMIR WHOM HE KNEW WAS UNAWARE OF QABUS' VISIT. AT HIS REQUEST I EXPLAINED TO KAWARI DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "PRIVATE" AND "OFFICIAL" VISITS IN TERMS OF US PROTOCOL, AND NOTED AMIR'S PERIODIC VISITS TO PARIS AND LONDON WERE ALSO IN PRIVATE CATEGORY. KAWARI HAS FREQUENTLY HINTED TO ME THAT AMIR KEENLY INTERESTED IN VISITING US.

2. COMMENT: DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPT LAST SUMMER, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT WE COULD ARRANGE TO INVITE FOUR LOWER

GULF RULERS TO WASHINGTON IF VISITS COULD BE CONFIGURED AS
PRIVATE. NOW THAT QABUS HAS BROKEN ICE, I'D LIKE A READING ON
POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING PRIVATE VISIT FOR KHALIFA SOMETIME THIS
SPRING.
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